

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The abstract has been amended for grammatical reasons and to be no more than 150 words and one paragraph.

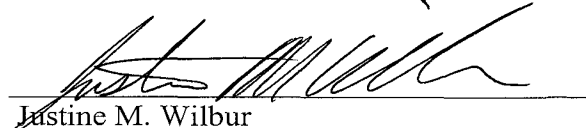
Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-4 are currently amended for grammatical reasons and to place the claims in proper US format. Claim 1 is also currently amended to clarify that the water content (w) is expressed in percent by weight. Accordingly the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections have been obviated. Claims 5-12 are added. New claims 5 and 6 find support in the specification: pg 8, lines 17-19. New claims 7-10 find support in the specification: pg 11, lines 9-12. New claim 11 finds support in the specification: pg 12, lines 24-26. New claim 12 finds support in the specification: pg 15, lines 16-21. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 5-12 are dependent on and contain all the limitations of Claim 1, which as currently amended is in allowable form.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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